AVENGERS MANSION.
YOU AVENGERS REALLY KNOW HOW TO THROW A PARTY.
THANKS FOR COMING OUT, ANNIE.
THAT'S WHAT DAMAGE CONTROL DOES. WE CLEAN UP THE SUPER-POWERED MESS.
WE'RE THE ONES WHO REBUILT AVENGERS MANSION TO START WITH.
WE THOUGHT THE NEW BUILD WOULD LAST A LITTLE LONGER...
HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST US?
YOU PERSONALLY?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT, LUKE.
I THINK I CAN GET MY RAND CORPORATION PERSONAL INSURANCE TO COVER IT AS I WAS IN PERSONAL DANGER.
ACTUALLY, STEVE ROGERS SAID TO BILL HIM.
NO, NO.
NO, NO, NO.
WHY NO?
BECAUSE THE POINT OF ALL THIS WAS THAT WE DO THIS ON OUR OWN.
WE DON'T NEED CAPTAIN AWESOME PICKING UP THE CHECK EVERY TIME WE--
YOU KNOW THIS IS PROBABLY GOING TO COST ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS?

Janet Van Dyne: It's actually hard to talk about all of this. It felt like a happy time at the time, but in retrospect, I was really kidding myself.

What followed was a very fruitful time for the Avengers. Mission after successful mission, adventure after adventure, as the new team gelled in a way that previous incarnations of the team had never quite reached.

Janet Van Dyne: It was kind of funny that a synthetic man like the Vision and a rather stoic regal type like the Black Panther would work so well with the team. Not because they weren't fabulous, because they were. I mean that the rest of us were such a mess. The team was primarily known for not working very well together. But all of a sudden…

Dr. Hank Pym: I think we were at a point where we weren't satisfied with being snarky and petty with each other. Everyone was talking about how cool being an Avenger was except us. We started to act the part and then eventually we became the part.

T'Challa (The Black Panther/Avenger): It seemed to me that everyone on the team was searching for his or her real identity. Not just as part of the team, but as individuals. I've since learned that this is pretty par for the course for people who wear costumes and uniforms that represent something. There is always a search for self.

Tony Stark (Iron Man/founding Avenger): I like that Clint Barton gave up being Hawkeye for a while and became Goliath. And I liked it when he became Ronin later on. I liked it. I myself, I'm into branding. Obviously. My bathroom sink has my company name engraved in it. Iron Man is my brand. Stark is my family name. And I don't know if it was beaten into me as a young child or it's something that I took upon myself, but name brand identity is just something that you stand behind. But that's not for everybody. That's for narcissists like me (laughs). I like that Clint decided to take on another identity for a while. I can't tell you why exactly, but it just charms me. It's very anti. It's very alternative.

Clint Barton: It wasn't a matter of--the Black Widow, who I had very strong feelings for, was in trouble and I didn't think that my bow and arrow were going to be enough to get her out of trouble. And I was right, by the way. We needed the extra muscle, and I was in the position to be that extra muscle. I'm sure there's some deep psychological reason from my very screwed up childhood that has me abandoning my role as Hawkeye and trying on new identities every once in a while. I'm sure it's something, but I'm just not the type of guy to sit there and think about it at great length. Whatever it is in me that makes me act the way I act has served me well more times than not. If I start trying to second-guess or psychoanalyze myself as to why I do some of the things I do, I may learn that doing them is a very bad idea and that would not be good for my career (laughs). Or maybe it would. Who knows? If I really cared, I would do something about it. Do I sound defensive enough?